

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 7 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 have been amended and claims 1, 4 and 6 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated July 26, 2005.

Allowable Claim Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 8 of the Office Action that claims 3 and 7 would be allowable, if amended, to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 3 and 7 have been rewritten into independent to include the features of their respective base and intervening claims. Thus, new independent claims 3 and 7 are now believed to be allowable. In addition, dependent claims 2 and 5 are believed to be allowable by their dependency on claims 3 and 7, respectively.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that all the remaining pending claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 are now allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

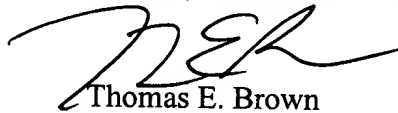
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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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